

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A high-frequency MEMS switch $[(10)]$ comprises a signal conductor $[(12)]$ which is arranged on a substrate ~~(11)~~ a well as an oblong shaped and an oblong switching element $[(13)]$ which has a bent elastic bending area ~~(133, 132)~~ and is fastened on the substrate $[(11)]$ in a cantilevered manner. An electrode arrangement ~~(14a, 14b)~~ is used for generating generates an electrostatic force which ~~acts upon the switching element (13) in order to bend~~ bends the switching element toward the signal conductor, $[(12)]$. The switching element $[(13)]$ is arranged ~~in its longitudinal direction~~ longitudinally parallel to the signal conductor, $[(12)]$, and ~~[it]~~ has a contact area $[(15)]$ which extends transversely to the switch element $[(13)]$ over the signal conductor, $[(12)]$. Under the effect of the electrostatic force, the elastic bending area ~~(131, 132)~~ of the switching element $[(13)]$ progressively approaches the electrode arrangement ~~(14a, 14b)~~ in a direction parallel to the signal line, $[(12)]$. The switching element $[(13)]$ has, for example, two mutually parallel extending switching arms ~~(13a, 13b)~~, which are mutually connected by a bridge as the contact area $[(15)]$ and are arranged on both sides of the signal line $[(12)]$ and parallel thereto.